

Fahrenheit 451

by Ray Bradbury

Definitions



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Definitions



1.	abstracted	ab STRAK ted	removed in thought from the immediate situation, lost in one's own mind
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> attentive
	The child, thinking of Christmas, had an abstracted look on his face.		
	Derivatives >>	abstractedly, abstractedness	
2.	aesthetic	uhs THEH tic	relating or pertaining to a sense of beauty or art
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	He is considered to have aesthetic tastes because he loves beauty and the arts.		
	Derivatives >>	aesthete, aesthetical, aesthetically, aesthetician, aestheticism, aesthetics	
3.	bestial	BES chul	brutal without reason, having the attributes of a savage
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> civilized
	The bestial traits of the man were offensive to refined ladies.		
	Derivatives >>	bestiality, bestialize, bestialized, bestializing	
4.	blanch	BLANCH	to take the color out of, to bleach, to make white
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to color
	It is popular to blanch new blue jeans before wearing them.		
	Derivatives >>	blancher, blanched	
5.	cacophonous	kuh KAH fuh nus	harsh sounding, having dissonance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> euphonious; pleasant sounding
	An orchestra is cacophonous when it is tuning up.		
	Derivatives >>	cacophony	
6.	ensorious	sen SORE ee us	critical
	Synonyms >>	carping, captious	Antonym >> complimentary
	The artist was hurt by the censorious remarks of the critic.		
	Derivatives >>	censor, censoriously, censoriousness, censorial, censorship	
7.	centrifuge	SEN truh fyooj	an apparatus used for separating materials by the use of centrifugal force
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	When milk is put into a centrifuge, the cream is separated and can be removed.		
	Derivatives >>	centrifugal, centrifugally	
8.	certitudes	SIR tuh toods	things that are inevitable or certain, certainties
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> doubt
	He was able to take his vows with absolute certitude.		
	Derivatives >>	certitude	
9.	contempt	kun TEMPT	scorn, extreme dislike or disdain
	Synonyms >>	despicableness, pitiableness, scurviness	Antonym >> respect
	The man treated the gossiping woman with contempt; talking about other people was beneath his dignity.		
	Derivatives >>	contemptible, contemptuous	
10.	desolate	DES uh lit	deserted, without inhabitants, barren
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> populous
	Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.		
	Derivatives >>	desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation	
11.	dictum	DIK tum	an authoritative statement, decree
	Synonyms >>	saying, maxim	Antonym >>
	The dictum from the Pope allows this activity.		
	Derivatives >>	dicta	

12.	din	DEN	loud and discordant noises, cacophony
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> euphony
	The din in the senate was so great that I could not hear the speaker.		
	Derivatives >>	dins, dinned, dinning	
13.	feint	FAYNT	a false appearance, a fake punch to occupy defenses allowing a real blow.
	Synonyms >>	artifice, ruse, stratagem, trick, wile	Antonym >>
	Fooled by his opponent's feint, the boxer dropped his guard and was knocked down.		
	Derivatives >>	feign, feigned, feigning, feignedly, feigner	
14.	flourish	FLUR ish	to thrive, to grow well
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to wither
	The company flourished after a new board of directors took control.		
	Derivatives >>	flourisher, flourishing, flourishingly, flourishy	
15.	fold (noun)	FOLD	a group bound together by common beliefs; fenced enclosure for sheep
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> individuals
	We need to convince him to return to the fold.		
	Derivatives >>	folds	
16.	incessant	in SES unt	uninterrupted
	Synonyms >>	constant, perennial, perpetual, unremitting	Antonym >> intermittent
	The dog's incessant barking caused the man to have difficulty falling asleep.		
	Derivatives >>	incessancy, incessantly, incessantness, incession	
17.	insidious	in SID ee us	treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harmless
	AIDS is insidious because one can have it and transmit it before showing symptoms of the disease.		
	Derivatives >>	insidiously, insidiousness	
18.	luxuriant	lug ZHOOR ee unt	abundant in growth, very fertile
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, prodigal, profuse	Antonym >> scanty
	The luxuriant farmland of Iowa provides an abundant amount of food.		
	Derivatives >>	luxuriance, luxurancy, luxuriantly, luxuriate, luxurious, luxuriously, luxuriousness, luxury	
19.	melancholy	MEL un kol ee	depression of spirits
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> happiness
	After Dad lost his job, he fell into a state of melancholy.		
	Derivatives >>	melancholia, melancholic, melancholiac, melancholically, melancholily, melancholiness, melancholious	
20.	metaphorically	met uh FOR ik lee	compared nonliterally
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> literally
	Metaphorically speaking, he is drowning in oil.		
	Derivatives >>	metaphor, metaphorical, metaphoricalness, metaphorist, metaphorize	
21.	mural	MYOOR ul	a painting on a wall or ceiling
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The artist was commissioned to paint a mural on the wall.		
	Derivatives >>	muralist, murals	
22.	oblivion	uh BLIV ee un	state of being forgotten
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> remembrance
	Until the singer's recent hit, his career had fallen into a state of oblivion.		
	Derivatives >>	oblivious, obliviously	
23.	obscure	ub SKYOOR	difficult to see, vague
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal,	Antonym >> clear; apparent
	Because the meaning of the play was obscure, I was unable to enjoy it.		
	Derivatives >>	obscuration, obscurative, obscuredly, obscurely, obscurement, obscureness, obscurity	
24.	odious	OH dee us	deserving hate or contempt
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> respectable
	Pornography is an odious business.		
	Derivatives >>	odiously, odiousness, odium	
25.	parry	PAIR ee	to deflect or to ward off a blow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The champion boxer won the match because he was able to parry his opponent's blows so successfully.		
	Derivatives >>	parried, parrying	

26.	pedantry	PED un tree	act of showing off learning in a manner that is needless and unimaginative	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	The teacher's lectures are a demonstration of pedantry without scholarship.			
	Derivatives >>	pedantic, pedantical, pedantically, pedanticism, pedant		
27.	perfunctory	pur FUNGK tuh ree	acting routinely with little interest or care	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	concerned; diligent
	Due to his perfunctory manner of inspecting the factory, he did not notice some serious problems.			
	Derivatives >>	perfunctorily, perfunctoriness, perfunctorious, perfunctoriously		
28.	perpetuate	pur PECH oo ate	to prolong the existence of something	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to destroy
	The Audubon Society works to perpetuate the species of many threatened birds.			
	Derivatives >>	perpetuation, perpetuator, perpetuity, perpetual, perpetually		
29.	phoenix	FEE niks	person of unmatched beauty; something rising from apparent destruction	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	Like a phoenix, he was able to recover from bankruptcy and become a millionaire again.			
	Derivatives >>	phoenixity		
30.	prattle	PRAT ul	meaningless sounds, babble	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	articulate language
	I have difficulty understanding the prattle of young children.			
	Derivatives >>	prattled, prattling, prattlement, prattler, prattlingly		
31.	proclivity	pro KLIV eh tee	inclination, tendency	
	Synonyms >>	leaning, penchant, propensity	Antonym >>	disinclination
	Most immigrants, because they are anxious to succeed, have a proclivity for hard work.			
	Derivatives >>	proclive, proclivities		
32.	profuse	pruh FYOOS	extravagantly abundant, flowing freely	
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, luxuriant, prodigal	Antonym >>	meager
	Cutting that artery will cause profuse bleeding.			
	Derivatives >>	profusely, profuseness, profusion, profusive, profusively		
33.	pulverize	PUL vuh rize	to reduce into small pieces, to demolish	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to mold together
	The rocks were pulverized by the heavy machine rolling over them.			
	Derivatives >>	pulverization, pulverized, pulverizer, pulverous, pulverulent, pulverulently		
34.	ravenous	RAV uh nus	urgently eager for food; craving satisfaction or gratification	
	Synonyms >>	voracious, gluttonous, rapacious	Antonym >>	sated; satisfied; full
	The boy had a ravenous appetite and ate everything on the table.			
	Derivatives >>	ravenously, ravenousness		
35.	rend	REND	to tear violently, to split	
	Synonyms >>	cleave, rive	Antonym >>	to unify
	He tried to rend the flag as a protest against the war.			
	Derivatives >>	rent, rended, rending, rends		
36.	saccharine	SAK uh rin	overly sweet attitude	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	vitriolic
	Her saccharine attitude disgusted me, but it seemed to win her many friends.			
	Derivatives >>	saccharinity		
37.	scythe	SITHE	an instrument for cutting or mowing	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	We used a scythe to cut the exceedingly tall grasses.			
	Derivatives >>	scytheless, scythestone		
38.	serene	suh REEN	calm, placid	
	Synonyms >>	tranquil	Antonym >>	agitated
	The mountain on a clear spring morning is a serene setting.			
	Derivatives >>	serenely, sereneness, serenity		
39.	stagnant	STAG nunt	not flowing, foul from not moving	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	flowing
	The stagnant pond had a foul odor.			
	Derivatives >>	stagnate, stagnation, stagnantly, stagnancy, stagnance		

40.	stoke	STOKE	to stir up, to amply feed
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to smother
	He stoked the fire so it would give off more heat.		
	Derivatives >>	stoked, stoking	
41.	stolid	STOL id	showing little emotion
	Synonyms >>	apathetic, phlegmatic, stoic	Antonym >> emotional
	He always has a stolid appearance at the poker table.		
	Derivatives >>	stolidly, stolidity	
42.	stratum	STRAY tum, STRAT	a horizontal layer
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The geologist said that this stratum is composed of limestone.		
	Derivatives >>	stratums	
43.	tactile	TAK til	perceptible by touch; capable of being felt
	Synonyms >>	tangible	Antonym >> intangible
	The woman's stroke left her with no tactile sensations at all.		
	Derivatives >>	tactilist, tactility, taction	

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| 3. bestial | 17. insidious | 31. proclivities |
| 4. blanched | 18. luxuriant | 32. profusion |
| 5. cacophony | 19. melancholy | 33. pulverized |
| 6. censorious | 20. metaphorically | 34. ravenous |
| 7. centrifuge | 21. mural | 35. rend |
| 8. certitude | 22. oblivion | 36. saccharine |
| 9. contemptible | 23. obscure | 37. scythe |
| 10. desolation | 24. odious | 38. serene |
| 11. dictum | 25. parry | 39. stagnant |
| 12. din | 26. pedants | 40. stoke |
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Vocabulary Test 1

Directions: Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

Exercise A

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | abstracted | a. | things that are inevitable or certain |
| _____ | 2. | aesthetic | b. | removed in thought from the immediate situation |
| _____ | 3. | bestial | c. | deserted; without inhabitants |
| _____ | 4. | blanch | d. | to take the color out of; bleach; make white |
| _____ | 5. | cacophonous | e. | an apparatus used for separating materials |
| _____ | 6. | ensorious | f. | relating or pertaining to a sense of beauty or art |
| _____ | 7. | centrifuge | g. | critical |
| _____ | 8. | certitudes | h. | scorn; extreme dislike or disdain |
| _____ | 9. | contempt | i. | brutality lacking reason; having attributes of a savage |
| _____ | 10. | desolate | j. | harsh sounding; having dissonance |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|----------------|----|--|
| _____ | 11. | dictum | k. | to thrive; to grow well |
| _____ | 12. | din | l. | depression of spirits |
| _____ | 13. | feint | m. | abundant growth; very fertile |
| _____ | 14. | flourish | n. | loud and discordant noises |
| _____ | 15. | fold | o. | an authoritative statement |
| _____ | 16. | incessant | p. | treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way |
| _____ | 17. | insidious | q. | a group bound together by common beliefs |
| _____ | 18. | luxuriant | r. | a false appearance; a fake punch |
| _____ | 19. | melancholy | s. | compared nonliterally |
| _____ | 20. | metaphorically | t. | uninterrupted |

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Vocabulary Test 2

Directions: Select the word that **best** completes the following sentences

mural	obscure	odious	parry	perfunctory
proclivity	ravenous	rend	saccharine	stoke
stolidly	scythe			

- Many of the figures depicted in the _____ had become _____; the paint had been effaced by the weather and we could not see the faces clearly.
- The farmer used the _____ to cut down the wheat.
- Because I knew she thought the king _____, I realized the _____ smile she bestowed on him was fake and represented dislike rather than affability.
- Although at the funeral he remained _____ quiet, at home he was able to release all his emotions.
- The _____ lioness intended to _____ the tiny fawn in half with her sharp claws and to eat the animal quickly in order to ward off her growing hunger.
- The duelist was able to _____ his opponent's attack with his sword and thus avoid being stabbed.
- Boy scouts learn different camping skills; among these are different ways to _____ a fire to keep it from going out.
- The child has a _____ for getting into trouble; he is in the office more often than he is in class.
- His _____ attempt at writing an essay caused him to receive a failing grade; he needed to be more attentive and more careful.

**Vocabulary Test 2**

oblivion	pedantry	perpetuate	phoenix	prattle
profuse	pulverize	serene	stagnant	stratum
tactile				

10. People who suffer from hemophilia are subject to _____ bleeding; once they get a wound, the bleeding may go on for hours.
11. The baby was proud of her _____ although we could not understand one word of it.
12. She was a woman of unmatched beauty, a _____ among all the others.
13. The student thought he was demonstrating his scholarship when he listed the meaningless details; the teacher, however, realized it was a demonstraion of _____.
14. In order to _____ the memory of her deceased father, the woman set up a scholarship fund in his name; he would not be forgotten easily.
15. Curious about the different layers of the ground, the geologist took a sample core of the _____ of earth and then attempted to _____ it into tiny pieces.
16. I love the _____ countryside because we can leave the noise and frustration of the the city behind and find peace and quiet.
17. Unfortunately, the man-made pond quickly became _____ because it had no flowing water.
18. The blind man could perceive facial structure through _____ sensations; he was fortunate that his sense of touch was so sensitive.
19. Because he has written no more popular books, his name has fallen into _____.

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Test 1

EX. A

1. B
2. F
3. I
4. D
5. J
6. G
7. E
8. A
9. H
10. C

EX. B

11. O
12. N
13. R
14. K
15. Q
16. T
17. P
18. M
19. L
20. S

Test 2

1. mural, obscure
2. scythe
3. odious, saccharine
4. stolidly
5. ravenous, rend
6. parry
7. stoke
8. proclivity
9. perfunctory
10. profuse

11. prattle
12. phoenix
13. pedantry
14. perpetuate
15. stratum, pulverize
16. serene
17. stagnant
18. tactile
19. oblivion